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THE EMPIRE WAY.

PULLMAN PALACE CAR TRAIN FROM CHICAGO TO BLOOMFIELD

Under the auspices of the Sales Department of the Empire Cream Separator Company, a large delegation of the company's Western sales agents to the Works-A busy week at the Empire.

Bloomfield is second to Newark only among Essex county municipalities in the extent and variety of its industries. Thomas Oakes & Co.'s woolen goods are standard in the American woolen market. The Consolidated Safety Pin Company's products go to all parts of the world. H. B. Wiggins Company's Fabrikano goods are the leading ones of their kind in the market and sales agencies are maintained in all the principal cities of the world. The General Electric Company (Sprague electric works) is continually sending carloads of electric machinery from its works to all parts of the country.

Among the latter and not the least important of this town's industries is the Empire Cream Separator works. This company has the reputation of making the most perfect and practical working cream separator on the market.

Particular attention has been directed to the cream separator works during the past week, owing to a business incident there that occasioned an invasion of the town by Western men, from as far as the Pacific coast.

On Monday of this week a solid vestibuled train of Pullman palace cars, made up of three sleepers, an observation car, a dining car and baggage car, arrived at the Empire Cream Separator works, after a thorough and fast run from Chicago. An inscription, placed at full length on one of the cars, reads: "Representatives of the Empire Cream Separator Company, bound for the company's factory at Bloomfield, N. J."

The coaches were swarmed on to the sidings at the works and the passengers, consisting of 112 of the company's sales agents, and representing every Western State, were welcomed by the officers of the company. Only those sales agents who had been at least two years in the employ of the company were brought to the works.

It was a great and costly undertaking to bring a special train of Pullman cars from Chicago here and to extend the hospitality of the company to such a large body of men during the entire time of the trip. But it was not solely a pleasure trip. There was a serious business side to it, and the Empire Cream Separator Company will reap a profit from it in largely increased sales of its machine.

During the visitors' stay here they assembled in the factory two or three times a day and were given special instructions in regard to the manufacturing of the separator machine and its workings. The result of these object lessons has been beneficial. One experienced salesman, a member of the party, said he thought that he knew all that was worth knowing about cream separators before he came here, but he admits that he will go away with largely increased knowledge. All the visitors were deeply impressed with the fine plant maintained by the company and in the equipment. The finest machinery made for the time of work follows is used by the Empire Cream Separator Company and everything is carried on in the neatest and most orderly manner possible. The plant is a model one in this respect, and what the visitors saw during the past week was not an unusual dress up for the occasion, but the regular running order of things. The visitors all spoke in terms of highest praise of their visit to the works.

The sales agents say that the Empire Cream Separator Company is a good concern to work for on account of the high class and well made machine that it puts on the market. "It is," they say, "the best separator made."

The special train "The Empire Way," made the run from Chicago over the Grand Trunk and Lackawanna Railways. The train left Chicago at 11 o'clock Saturday night in charge of F. L. Miner, assistant sales manager of the Empire Cream Separator Company, and I. D. Stevens, manager of the company's Chicago office. A stop-over was made at Niagara Falls and Sunday afternoon was spent there. The train reached the Empire Cream Separator Works at half past nine Monday morning. The two rooms of the company were fitted up as a reception room for the visitors, and as soon as they assembled there the "Empire yell" was the first order of procedure and were as follows:

Well, well, well, Mr. Bell
Here we are sound and well
Full of ginger—ready to sell
The little blue milkless Empire.
Hurray, hurrah, for Mr. Tubb,
He's well known around the globe.
He is our President, we love him well
For he will give the Empire yell.
Empire, Empire, Empire!

The visiting party represented Oregon, Washington, California, Utah, Idaho,

North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Manitoba and Ontario. Among the party was a number of representatives of leading agricultural papers in the West.

The first meeting of the representatives was given over to introductory ceremonies conducted by Ernest R. Bell, secretary and sales manager of the company. Mr. Bell was made permanent chairman, and presided at all meetings of the representatives. These meetings were devoted not only to the discussion of selling cream separators, but also to a variety of questions affecting the dairy industry in a broad, general way, especially what means can be taken to improve the quality of separator cream as it reaches the creamery. One entire session was given to this subject. Mr. Bell taking the position that every purchaser of a cream separator has a right to expect a machine that will not only give him more cream, but also better cream. To do this it is necessary that the purchaser get a machine that is easy to wash and that he be impressed with the fact that he must keep it clean.

The meetings were about as lively as a hotly contested political convention, full of enthusiasm. If the travelling men show as much ginger and as much confidence and faith in the Empire when they are in the field as they showed in these meetings it is small wonder that the Empire has jumped to the front with such phenomenal rapidity.

The men spent much time in the factory studying the construction of the machine in every detail, especially the improvements embodied in the improved frictionless Empire. They were especially enthusiastic over the new ingenious piece of mechanism which renders the machine practically without friction. There is so little friction that the bowl will continue to revolve for 30 minutes after it is once put up to full speed, unless it is stopped. For this reason the bowl is provided with a brake by which it can be stopped instantly. The Empire is the only separator made on which such a brake is necessary.

A trip through the big factory was of intense interest, and the general impression given was that from President Taft down to the lowest agent in the field every member of the Empire force is determined to give the purchaser of a cream separator the best machine it is possible to make.

On Tuesday night, February 27, the representatives were the guests of the company at the Hippodrome in New York, travelling to and from New York in the "Empire Way." At the New York terminus of the railroad, two immense automobiles, rented by the company, awaited the crowd, and in a few moments the crowd was whisked to the Hippodrome. At the immense auditorium three full orchestra rows had been bought for the night, and there was little question that it was Empire night.

On Thursday night the representatives were entertained with a smoker, and an entertainment was given by the newspaper men. Friday was given up to sight seeing in New York city and started homeward on a daylight ride over the Lackawanna.

The visitors spent their leisure hours in visiting the silk mill, hat factory, label works and other industrial plants in the town. The town of Bloomfield is likely to receive direct benefit from this great enterprise on the part of the Empire Cream Separator Company.

Death of John Foster.

Chief of Police John Foster of Camden died in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, shortly after midnight on Wednesday night from septic poisoning, resulting from abscess developed from an external injury sustained some time ago. Mr. Foster was in his forty-seventh year. He was well known to many people here, and two of his brothers are James Foster of Willow street and Colonel Frank Foster, both of whom went to Camden yesterday to attend the funeral.

Chief Foster was on the Camden police eighteen years, and has held the position of chief for the past seven years. He was well known in State police circles. In politics he was a Republican, and he filled his position with such acceptable ability that both a Reform Mayor and a Democratic Mayor refused to remove him to make place for partisan supporters.

Mr. Foster is survived by a widow and five daughters.

Business Announcement.

George Peterson, the well-known painter and decorator, who has been in business here since 1887, announces that he has taken into partnership his son-in-law, Fredrick Dahl. Mr. Dahl was formerly in the employ of Mr. Peterson and left to pursue a course of study in decorating and designing, and for that purpose entered the class of interior decoration at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and later also studied decorative design in Cooper Union, New York. Since his graduation Mr. Dahl has been in the employ of a prominent firm of painters and decorators in New York City.

THE LENTEN SEASON.

Was inaugurated at Christ Episcopal Church on Ash-Wednesday with a sermon at 11 o'clock in the morning and prayer and hymns at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Edwin A. White of Christ Episcopal Church inaugurated the holy season of Lent on Ash-Wednesday morning by a sermon at 11 o'clock, and also a sermon and evening prayer at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. White has issued his annual announcement of this important event in the Christian world, in which he makes a strong appeal to his parishioners to faithfully observe the season. "Once more," he says, "the rolling seasons bring us to the holy season of Lent, when our Mother Church calls her children to renewed efforts of self-denial and spiritual improvement. Day after day she opens her doors so that her children may come to worthily lament their sins and obtain from the God of Mercy perfect remission and forgiveness of their sins through Jesus Christ their Lord. Lent should be kept because it is a commemoration of the fasting, the temptation, the sorrow and the death of the Son of God our Saviour; because there are advantages in having seasons of continuous devotion; because we all need times of quiet for giving more heed to our soul's welfare. As the Master spent the forty days in the wilderness in fasting and prayer, so let us, as far as possible, spend these forty days of Lent in spiritual communion with Him, attending faithfully to all the duties which the Church bids us. Among these duties are repentance, fasting, self-examination, prayer, self-denial, services, a regular systematic attendance, the Holy Communion more frequently. The list of services is intended to assist you in this spiritual work, and is arranged to meet as far as possible your different needs and circumstances. Some of you can attend all these services, many of you can attend most of them, all of you can attend some of them. Let each one resolve to attend a certain number of the services each week, and then, having made the resolve, keep it."

Mr. White has made arrangements for services every Monday afternoon during Lent at 4.30 o'clock, also on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays there will be the Litany and Holy Communion at 9 A. M., and evening prayer and sermon at 8 P. M., except April 4, when the service will be at 2.30 P. M. On Thursdays there will be evening prayer and an address at 4.30 in the afternoon, with the exception of April 5, when there will be service and a sermon at 8 P. M. On Fridays there will be the Litany and an address at 4.30 P. M., with evening prayer on Saturdays at 4.30 in the afternoon.

Reverend White proposes giving a course of sermons on Sunday mornings during Lent on "Some Lessons for Present Day Needs, from Old Testament Characters." This course will be a continuation of the series given on the Lenten Sunday mornings last year. On the Sunday afternoons in Lent Rev. O. G. Edmunds of Grace Church, Newark, will deliver a course of addresses on "Schools of Prayer," in which our Lord's example will be applied to our own lives. On the Thursday afternoons in Lent Mr. White will give a series of addresses on the words, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." The special subject of each address will be the several mounts which figure in our Lord's life.

Many prominent ministers in the Episcopal Church will be present during Lent and deliver sermons, including the Rev. Louis Shreve Osborne of Trinity Church, Newark. The rector makes a special plea for a large attendance at the meetings to welcome the visiting clergymen, reminding his parishioners that some of them come from quite a distance to preach to men and women, and not to empty pews. He peremptorily remarks, "Is it too much to ask of Christian men and women that they devote one evening a week for six weeks out of the fifty-two to the service of God instead of self?"

During Holy Week there will be special services, beginning with the Holy Communion at 9 o'clock in the mornings and evening prayer and addresses at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon. On Good Friday there will be service and a sermon at 11 A. M., with an especially impressive three hours' service from 12 M. to 3 P. M. On Wednesday evening, March 7, instead of a service with sermon, the choir will render the sacred cantata, "God is Great."

At the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart there will also be special services every day during Lent, and a number of prominent preachers of that denomination will be present and deliver sermons on some of the evenings.

Lecture in Brookdale School.

"Cuba and Florida" is the title of an illustrated lecture to be given in Brookdale School on Tuesday, March 6, by Charles F. Koster. Mr. Koster recently visited those places and took a large number of interesting views which he has had developed, and the lecture will be an interesting one.

COUNTY PARKS.

Representatives from this town before the Park Commissioners-A plea made for the expenditure of some of the Park Funds Here-The Commissioners likely to do so if more money is voted.

A committee from the Board of Trade of this town was given a hearing before the Essex County Park Commissioners on Tuesday afternoon and made a plea for the expenditure of the county park funds in this town.

Dr. W. R. Broughton, David G. Garabrant and Samuel Elliot presented the case for the town. Dr. Broughton spoke of the loyalty with which the people of Bloomfield had supported at the polls the measures providing funds for county park purposes. The impression was that the money was to be expended in a manner that would be of material benefit to every municipality in the county. The fact that such a course had not been followed had caused considerable disappointment.

Mr. Garabrant in his remarks called attention to the industrial element in Bloomfield's population, and for whose particular benefit the county park project had been devised. Bloomfield stood second to Newark among Essex County municipalities in the extent and variety of its industries.

A statement by the commissioners to the effect that the city of Newark wanted \$200,000 expended in the creation of an east side park in that city caused Mr. Elliot to express his sentiments to the effect that Newark had already received more than its share of the park money, while Bloomfield and several other municipalities had not gotten theirs. Orange, East Orange and West Orange, Mr. Elliot said, had got their share of the park money, and if any more money was spent it should be in those places that had as yet got nothing.

The commissioners informed the committee that if a sufficient appropriation could be obtained through the medium of the new bond issue called for by a bill now before the Legislature Bloomfield would be in line for attention.

They also after Newark's needs are supplied, interrupted Mr. Elliot.

The Netherlands.

A B. Dugdale will lecture on "The Netherlands, its People and their Customs." Friday evening, March 7, at 8 o'clock in the Liberty Hall, Newark. This is sure to be under the auspices of the Public Lecture Course, and is free to all. The Dutch people, on account of the peculiar situation of their country, their ancient and honorable history, their strange manners and mode of life, are particularly interesting to all travelers who visit the Continent of Europe. They are especially interesting to us, because the Dutch settlers and explorers played such an important part in the early settlement of our country. Many of the leading American families of today, such as the Roosevelts, the Stuyvesants, the Van Rensselaers and Van der Bilt are of Dutch descent. New Jersey, especially, had many settlements of Hollanders in colonial times, and this influential element has left a number of traces of its existence still distinguishable among the cosmopolitan constituents of our modern State. Consequently, whatever touches on the subject of this little half-submerged country always arouses considerable interest, and undoubtedly many of our people will take advantage of the opportunity to hear a lecture on the subject above named by one who has lived in Holland and made a thorough study of its present-day life.

Social Event.

Miss Olive Marsh entertained a large number of her friends at her home, 57 Mary avenue, East Orange, Tuesday evening. The evening was passed in playing games and dancing. Prizes were won by Robert Barnes, Miss Lillian Courson and Miss L. Winters. Those present were: Lillian Smith, Olive Henry, Jennie Miller, Diana Allan, Minnie Gelb, Lillian Courson, Lula Winters, Amelia Winters, Sadie Rector, Margaret McCallie, Edna Barnes, Ethel Dodd, May Hollenbeck, Lillian Griffin, Archibald Lynch, Arthur Baker, Roy Francis, Ernest Maglan, Russell Norman, Edward Norman, Charles Watkins, Noble Bisher, Arthur Krensch, Robert Barnes, Walter Hill, Albert Scott and William Hopkins. Miss Anna Young and Miss Anna Gelb assisted Miss Marsh in receiving.

Base-Ball.

The misunderstanding between William Burdette and the officials of the Bloomfield Base-ball Club has been amicably settled, and "Billy" has agreed to wear a Bloomfield uniform this summer. This completes the list of players, and with the first sign of warm weather all the players will report on the grounds for practice and be in condition for the opening game, which will be either the second or third Saturday in April.

Civic Union.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Civic Union will be held in the Building and Loan Association Hall, 35 Broad street, on Monday evening, March 5, at 8.15 o'clock.

Washington and Lincoln.

Washington and Lincoln, two great characters in American history, was the subject of a patriotic discourse by the Rev. Dr. O. S. Woodruff, pastor of the Park M. E. Church, on Sunday evening before the members of several fraternal organizations of the town. In his comparison of Washington and Lincoln Dr. Woodruff said:

"We have spoken of the character of these men that they might be a source of stimulus to each one of us, and lead us to greater devotion to our country and its needs. I hope that we may never in the future see war, but there are victories of peace which are as important as those carved by the sword. It becomes us to take up the uncompleted work of Washington and Lincoln and fight out the great moral issues, which are before us. Let us, with the pure characters of their lives looming up before us, dig a grave so deep for all forms of graft and political corruption as that there shall be for those no resurrection, and giving ourselves with pure devotion to our country, lead it on to the highest and best destiny. Let there be no lack of loyalty among us as American citizens. With the great floods that come to us of some of the lowest types of civilization from foreign shores, with the great power of the saloon doing its mischief and dead-end work, with corrupt politicians and unprincipled office seekers, we are more than ever to feel that public office is a public trust, and that the call of our country should lead us forth, in self-denial, from our luxury and ease and selfish purposes, to do and dare great things for this land which has been so favored of God, and which we believe is destined to be of so great importance in the history of the future."

"I see men before me who have stood up before the cannon's mouth and dared the stroke of the bullet. They did this for \$15 a month—\$15 a month and devotion to the flag made them heroes. Let us in this day of our country's need be as brave as they. Let us realize that money counts for nothing; the man is everything. The party may be of little importance compared with the great principles of republican government. This is a poor time for the coarse political boss. It is a poor time for the man who prostitutes personal ambition to selfish purposes. It is a poor time for the man who is not true to the American ideal. When the President of the United States gambled, we felt it was time for him to go. When one of his successors in office was untrue to his plighted troth in his home, we felt that it was time for him to go. Two members of the United States Senate have been excluded from that body and others have been asked to resign. One, I hope, will be speedily expelled."

"Back of this great, deep, permanent moral worth for which men like Washington and Lincoln stood is being felt in our land. It would not seem to be out of place at this moment to speak of the local issue which I believe to be of importance. In this beautiful town in which we live there are many things which commend themselves to us. We have a good public school system, and the flag with its educating and inspiring influence floats over our children as they go to receive their education. It seems to me that there is one thing more which we need, and that is that on this beautiful green there should be soon erected a monument worthy of the town and worthy of the man who went from this town to fight for the flag, and which would stand ever as a source of high and ennobling thought to all of our young people as they shall come after us. One of the greatest of our governors, Marcus L. Ward, for whom we have the highest veneration, I understand, has no great public monument to mark the worth of the man who did so much for this State in the time of its need. It seems to me that we have the means and the men of interest who should take hold of the enterprise, and who would speedily put upon this beautiful green a shaft that would commemorate the deeds of our war Governor and the soldiers who went out under his direction to fight for the flag. I trust that this consummation may be soon reached."

Mission Class.

A mission study class has been formed for the purpose of studying "Africa," the country upon which interest is especially centered this year. The course will be completed in six lessons occurring on six successive Tuesday mornings. The first lesson will be given on Tuesday, March 6, from 10 to 11 A. M., at the home of Mrs. H. E. Nichols, 189 Washington street, Bloomfield. Any ladies of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge who are interested and would like to make this country a subject of study, are cordially invited to join the class.

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BROOKDALE TROLLEY.

PROPERTY OWNERS PETITION THE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

To Extend the Broad Street Railway into Brookdale—The Company says it will do so if it can get a franchise—An Important Issue will soon be Raised.

By trolley to Brookdale may soon be an accomplished fact. Property owners along Broad street, from Bay avenue north, have united in a petition to the Public Service Corporation to extend the Broad street trolley line from its present Bay avenue terminus into Brookdale. Former Councilman James M. Walker has taken an active hand in the effort to bring about the accomplishment of this much desired addition to local transportation facilities. Mr. Walker says that the property owners' petition was almost unanimously signed by the Broad street property owners, and that there is a general demand for the street railway. The petition was presented to the officers of the Public Service Corporation, and the company's officials said that they would extend the railway if they could get a franchise.

The petitioners have interviewed members of the Town Council, and some of the Councilmen have expressed a readiness to vote in favor of a franchise, but not unconditional, however. The conditions that would attach to a franchise for a street railway in the Brookdale territory are somewhat different than would be imposed in other parts of the town.

In the first place, the territory is undeveloped, and a railway would not meet running expenses for some time to come. This fact has been fully brought forth in previous discussions of the proposition for a railway in the Brookdale territory, and the promoters have suggested a plan of maintaining the apparent loss in the first few years' operation of the road by fixing a schedule of fees based on the conditions confronting the railroad company. The property owners who have petitioned the Public Service Corporation to extend the Broad street Railway will be looked to to name the conditions that they deem proper to impose upon the company that will carry out their desire for a railway.

The people want a railway and have asked the Public Service Corporation to build it, and the Public Service Corporation has consented to do so, providing it can get a franchise. Will the people who want the railway go a step further and assist in obtaining the franchise? It is obvious that liberal terms must be offered to the Public Service Corporation to induce it to take up the Brookdale railway project. Here is a case in which the people are more desirous for a railway than a corporation is to build one.

The Town Council will no doubt grant a franchise subject to terms and conditions that meet with the approval of the Brookdale people.

President McCreary of the Public Service Corporation in a letter to Dr. Broun, one of the petitioners, says that the franchise can be obtained the company will build the railroad in the spring.

Church Services.

At the Park M. E. Church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. Dr. O. S. Woodruff, will administer the Lord's Supper and receive members at the morning service. At a quarter to ten o'clock a love feast will be held. At the evening service the pastor will preach on "The Greatest Military Obstacle of All History."

The lecture by Dr. George C. Widing of Paterson in the Park M. E. Church on Thursday evening was most interesting and helpful. It was deserving of a larger audience.

The Rev. Elliott W. Brown will speak Sunday morning in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church on "Probation After Death." In the evening there will be a song service, with a brief address by the Rev. W. W. Coe of New York.

Services at the Watessing M. E. Church to-morrow will be as follows: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and reception of members at 10.30 A. M.; sacramental message, "Be Strong." Special temperance sermon at 7.30 P. M., subject, "The White Winged Woman."

Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held next Thursday evening, March 8. Officers and three members of the executive committee will be elected. Reports will be received from the standing committees, and other important matters will be considered.

Norfolk, Virginia.

The eyes of the transportation world are turning to Norfolk, Va. Every year thousands of dollars are expended on her railway and steamship transportation facilities. Norfolk appears to have been specially designed for just what she is, the most central and in every sense of the word the most practical distributing point on the North Atlantic coast.—The Pilot.